

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007.

Claims 20, 22 and 29 are amended and claims 21 and 30 are canceled. Claims 20, 22-29 and 31-34 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 20 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Higuchi et al. (U.S. 5,311,500). Claims 20 and 29 were amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-28 and 30-34 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges such provisional indication of allowability, but respectfully asserts that Higuchi et al. is not a proper reference to define the term “proximate” due to its placement in a disparate field of invention. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, John Greaves at (801) 278-9171 or the below-signed attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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